

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the present application in better form for examination. New claims 11-12 are added to further recite inventive features. Certain drawing figures have been amended to delete extraneous descriptive matter. Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully solicited.

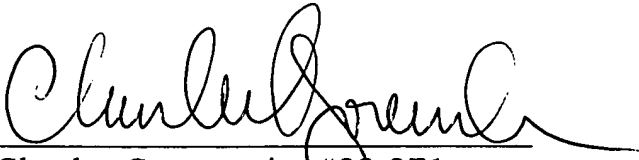
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein (Reg. No. 29,271) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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